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Bride and Groom Found Slain; Killed in Home While Asleep

PAYROLLS OF CONGRESS ARE FILLED WITH NAMES OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Wives, Sons, Daughters Split the Appropriations for Secretary and Clerk Hire—Only a Few Do Any Real Work—New York Members Dig as Deeply Into the Pie as Members From Other Sections.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)
WASHINGTON, June 27.—The practice of nepotism and grabbing by members of Congress of money appropriated for clerk hire has not improved since The Evening World's exposure of conditions a year and a half ago. Some members guilty of these practices were defeated for office subsequently, but an examination of the latest report of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and Secretary of the Senate reveals that House members have quickly acquired the habit and that the practice has spread to the Senate side of the Capitol.

Nearly a dozen Senators now have members of their families on the Federal payroll. Some of these relatives work in Senators' offices and give the Government value received for their compensation, but investigation shows that there are a number whose principal duties consist of signing the payroll twice a month.

Formerly there was little of this practice on the Senate end of the Capitol, but House members promoted to the Senate appear to have introduced the system and it is growing in popularity. The wife of one Senator confided to a friend that the family planned to save enough out of the clerical appropriation to educate their young daughter when she grew up. This Senator, who was formerly a House member, has had twenty years in Congress altogether, so that they have probably accumulated a neat sum for this purpose.

Another way of imposing on the public treasury by Senators is the practice of placing men on their payrolls and having them do menial work. Under the technical classification of "messengers," which covers practically everybody employed in a Senator's office except his secretary or committee clerk, men draw Federal pay who, for a portion of their time at least, are as chauffeurs and in other capacities at public expense.

A Congressional paymaster remarked a few days ago that he paid out enough unearned money under this vicious system to cover the entire operating expenses of an ordinary American town. He had in mind the hundreds of fat checks which are handed over or mailed out each pay day to persons who never do a lick of work for the Government.

It is in the House of Representatives where padding the payroll has become the most popular of indoor sports in these days when we hear so much of "Government economy." There are more than 25 per cent. of the members who indulge in the practice which has grown to be a national scandal.

DUMMIES ON THE PAYROLL.

Some of the members who are carrying dummies on the rolls and pocketing the money appropriated for clerk hire, it has been ascertained.

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Identity of Woman Dead in Paris Baffles Police; Gave N. Y. Address

"Mrs. Kohn of Riverside Drive," Found Poisoned, Said "Paris Got Me."

PARIS, June 27.—The body of an unidentified woman, believed an American, lies in the Paris Morgue, while police and detectives confess themselves completely baffled by one of the strangest mysteries in years.

Smiling, the woman died from poisoning. She lingered for three days, concealing her identity.

The woman gave the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Kohn and her address as No. 400 Riverside Drive, New York. She could not be traced there. Then she said she had a sister named Seams, living on St. Paul Street, Baltimore. Cables there were returned unclaimed.

A passport made out to a Mrs. Kohn was found among the woman's meagre possessions, but the photograph attached was that of a heavy-set dark haired woman while the victim was tall and slender with dyed red hair.

Apparently about thirty years old, fashionably dressed, the American woman was found wandering about the streets of Paris Wednesday night. Physicians at the hospital to which she was rushed declared she had taken enough poison to kill ten persons. She died Sunday.

During the three days that she lingered, the mystery woman joked

and laughed with nurses and doctors, admitting she had intended to commit suicide but refusing to say why.

"Paris got me," she said at one time.

"I hope I don't linger like Olive Thomas and Mrs. Ryan," she said, smiling, on Friday. She referred to the famous American stage beauty, Mrs. Olive Thomas Pickford, and of Mrs. Thomas Ryan, wife of an American newspaper man, who declared her husband forced her to swallow poison.

"Oh, these men. Look out for them," she warned the nurses, just before she died.

All the hotel addresses which the woman gave proved wrong, the police announced, but independent investigation established that some of the smartest of Paris hotels held trunks and baggage belonging to "Mrs. Kohn," left in lieu of payments. One held papers in its safe.

At the last moment before her death, the woman declared her husband was a wealthy stock-broker in the United States.

COUPLE MURDERED WHILE THEY SLEEP; COTTAGE ON FIRE

North Water-Gap (Pa.) Storekeeper and His Bride Found Shot in Heart.

HER CLOTHING BURNED.

Mrs. de Munt Was Miss Moore of Catskill, N. Y.—Had Lived in Weehawken.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

NORTH WATER GAP, Pa., June 27.—Frederick de Munt, thirty-five years old, and his bride of last April were found murdered this morning in their cottage adjoining the general store which they conducted for vacation campers on the River Road.

N. B. de Munt, father of the storekeeper, who is the boatkeeper for the resort, found the store closed with customers standing about. He opened the door of the cottage and discovered his son lying near the door of the bedroom, shot through the heart from behind. The room was filled with smoke and the coverings of the bed were smoldering and flames were eating at the woodwork beside the bed. Mrs. de Munt, her clothing burned from her body, lay on the charred mattress. A bullet had been fired through her back in almost the same spot as that which her husband had been shot.

A revolver with three empty cartridges and two with dented shells, showing that an effort had been made to fire them, lay on the floor.

There was no other clue to the murder and no one found among the acquaintances of the couple. Neither one of them was known to have an enemy.

Frederick de Munt met his wife last winter in Weehawken, N. J., where they were both employed. She was Miss Maude E. Moore of Catskill, N. Y. They were noted for their cheerful obligingness to campers in emergencies. De Munt was a veteran of the World War.

District Attorney Chester H. Rhodes of Monroe County was at once summoned and took charge of the investigation, which had been begun by Constable Schaeffer. The bodies were removed to the Morgue of J. H. Lanterman of East Stroudsburg.

ARMY BILL REPORT ADOPTED BY SENATE

Action Completed on Measure for 125,000 Enlisted Men and 12,000 Officers.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Congressional action on the annual army appropriation bill providing for an average army for the coming year of 125,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers was completed today through final adoption by the Senate of the conference report on the measure.

Where to Spend the Fourth of July

The World's "Summer Resort" advertisements mention many places where special arrangements have been made to accommodate guests for the Fourth of July. Those who expect to spend the holiday out of town can consult these ads advantageously. Remember that no other New York newspaper prints as many "Summer Resort" ads as The World.

3,311 World's "Summer Resort" Ads. Last Week.
1,821 More than any other New York newspaper.

For the Best Place to Spend the Holiday Read World Summer Resort Ads.

U. S. Oil Plant and 40 Employees Seized by Mexican Rebel Band And Held for 15,000 Peso Ransom

Forty-Eight Hours Given for Payment and State Department Orders Instant Action to Free Tampico Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Forty employees of the Cortez Oil Company near Tampico and destructible property valued at \$250,000 are being held by a rebel General until ransom of 15,000 pesos is paid, according to a message to-day to the State Department from the American Consul at Tampico.

The despatch was dated yesterday and said the "rebel General Gorazabe" had seized the company's property and was holding it with 240 well armed men. Prompt instructions were sent by the State Department to the embassy in Mexico City and to the Consul at Tampico to urge the Mexican authorities to take immediate action for the protection of American lives and property.

The Consul reported that Gorazabe had demanded payment of the 15,000 pesos within forty-eight hours from yesterday morning. The message also said there were no Mexican Federal troops in the vicinity.

The Richmond Levering Company owns oil lands in the San Miguel district near Tampico, these lands being operated by the Mexican Oil Corporation, a subsidiary concern.

It is not known here how many of the employees held are Americans. It is supposed some of them are.

ROBBERS ATTEMPT HOLD UP OF TRAIN NEAR HOHOKUS, N. J.

Fifteen Shots Fired in Gun Fight With Detective on Roof.

Eight robbers attempted to hold up a fast freight train of the Erie Railroad near Waldwick, north of Hohokus, N. J., early to-day. In a pistol fight in which fifteen shots were fired Edward Hamilton, an Erie detective, was wounded as he ran along the top of the train to give battle to two of the robbers who crouched there.

According to an official of the Erie Railroad detective force, the gang probably were in search of a shipment of 100 cases of liquor, valued at \$25,000.

The robbers fled after Detective Hamilton fell. Members of the train crew who went to Hamilton's aid searched the vicinity but the gang escaped.

The train was on a grade in a cut over which there is a bridge, when two of the robbers, who are believed to have ridden the bumpers on the train from Jersey City, cut an air hose between two cars midway in the train. This automatically threw the air brakes and the train stopped suddenly.

Detective Hamilton, who carried an automatic pistol, was in the caboose. He went to the top of the train and proceeded along the tops of the cars. As he reached the center of the train two men who had been lying flat on top of the cars arose and began firing at him. Hamilton saw five other men standing in the cut rush to one of the cars. He crawled to the car edge and saw them trying to pry open the door of one of the cars.

The eighth man suddenly began firing at the detective from a bridge over the railroad cut. Hamilton endeavored to move from his position and was shot in the left leg. He fell to the car top, but did not roll off. The two robbers who were on the top of the car then went to the ground.

Members of the train crew came out and the gang fled. Hamilton was assisted to the ground and the engine and tender were uncoupled. He was put in the cab and the engine was raced to Suffern, N. Y., about two miles away. An ambulance was waiting there and took Hamilton to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where the bullet was removed. Hamilton is thirty-seven years old and lives at No. 2515 Summit Avenue, Jersey City. His condition was reported as serious.

A call was sent to Hohokus and Ridgewood for police, who searched the wooded section in the vicinity, but could not find any trace of the robbers or of an automobile in which it is believed they escaped.

COLLINS ARRESTS IRISH REBEL CHIEF TO RESTORE ORDER

Lieut. Gen. O'Connor Kidnapped in Reprisal for Arrest of Michael Henderson.

IS HELD AS HOSTAGE

Henderson Sent to Mountjoy Prison in Move to Clean Up Dublin.

DUBLIN, June 27.—Free State forces struck at the insurrection in the heart of Dublin to-day.

Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, ordered his troops to arrest Commandant Michael Henderson, one of the leaders of the band of rebels which recently seized and held the Four Courts Buildings and hotel. The arrest was effected.

This move by Collins was considered extremely significant. It constituted a direct challenge to Rory O'Connor, rebel general, who has been defying both the Free State and Great Britain, demanding that British troops get out of Dublin.

The arrest of Henderson, moreover, showed the Free State Government intends to lose no time in complying with Churchill's ultimatum, delivered in the House of Commons yesterday, to restore order.

Henderson was sent to Mountjoy Prison.

A statement issued at the Four Courts expressed surprise at Henderson's arrest. It said he was raiding a firm, under orders, to enforce the boycott against Belfast goods when Free State forces arrived in two armored cars.

DUBLIN, June 27 (Associated Press).—Counter action has been taken by the Four Courts irregulars. Last evening they kidnapped Lieut. Gen. O'Connor, Assistant Chief of Staff of the regulars at Beggar's Bush, and are holding him prisoner.

The executive officers of the irregulars at the Four Courts telephoned the Beggar's Bush officials that Lieut. Gen. O'Connor was being held as a hostage for the release of Commandant Henderson and of the irregulars recently arrested at Drogheda.

The official reports from the Four Courts regarding the Henderson arrest says that the commandant yesterday was raiding premises in connection with the Belfast boycott when a strong force of army men from Beggar's Bush appeared on the scene. The commandant of the force declared, however, that he did not purpose making any arrests, upon which Commandant Henderson went to the Four Courts to report. On returning to the premises, the statement adds, the commandant was arrested and placed in jail.

LONDON, June 27 (Associated Press).—Prime Minister Lloyd George and Colonial Secretary Churchill have apparently turned the edge of the opposition's thrust, based on the Irish policy.

A virtual vote of confidence was given by the House of Commons last night when it defeated, 342 to 75, a motion proposed by the "die-hards" for a reduction in the salary of the Chief Secretary for Ireland in disapproval of the Government's policy and the failure properly to protect Field Marshal Wilson.

The Secretary for the Colonies made it clear in his statement that South Ireland would not be allowed to coerce Ulster and that the Provisional Government in Dublin now must assert complete authority, the alternative being that the Imperial Government would resume complete freedom of action.

The Prime Minister, again outlining the policy toward Ireland, said the elections had shown that the Provisional Government had the Irish people behind it and that it now must prove whether it was fit to govern.

Miss May Kaufman of Fallsburg, N. Y., was married to Harry Wolf of No. 937 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, by County Judge J. Gratton MacMahon in Brooklyn to-day.

The Judge agreed to perform the ceremony only on condition that the couple be married later by a rabbi.

"Do you love this man?" the Judge asked the bride.

"I'll say I do," she replied. She then threw her arms about the neck of the Judge and placed a kiss upon his lips.

STRAY BULLET KILLS DRIVER AS BRONX BANK MESSENGER BATTLES WITH THUG BAND

NEGRO WHO SHOT POLICEMAN KILLED IN POLICE STATION

Fight Occurs in Precinct Where Three Officers Were Slain.

Herbert Dent, twenty-one, No. 629 Lenox Avenue, a Negro, died at six o'clock this morning in Harlem Hospital after a fight, the police say, with several detectives in the West 135th Street station.

On April 7 Patrolman McHugh of that station tried to arrest Dent on a charge of robbery. McHugh was shot in the head and is still in the hospital. Dent was at large until 5 o'clock this morning, when Detectives Redding, McGrath and Gorman arrested him at 135th Street and Lenox Avenue.

Redding tells the following story of what happened afterward:

"We took him to the station and he was about to be fingerprinted when he suddenly made a grab at me and got my gun. I struck him with my fist before he could shoot. At the same time I called for help. McGrath and Gorman and some others came to my assistance, but Dent seemed to have the strength of an insane man.

"He fought us all and it was necessary to handle him roughly before we could get him under control. Then we took him to the hospital."

A report from the hospital said that the Negro had died soon after reaching there.

Dent was implicated in the hold-up of Joseph Scellie, No. 34 Verulph Avenue, the Bronx, at 135th Street and Lenox Avenue on April 7. His companion, Hy Sanford, 22, No. 15 West 134th Street, was captured and sent to Sing Sing for 14 years by Judge Crane.

Redding, who is a negro policeman, light and frail in physique, had fingerprinted Dent and had asked him to sign his pedigree. Redding was bending over the pedigree at the desk when Dent snatched his revolver from the holster. Redding turned and clinched with his powerful assailant and they went to the floor, Redding wrenching his knee.

It was at this same station that Luther Boddy, a Negro, shot and killed Detectives Miller and Buckley on Jan. 5, while the Negro was being fingerprinted. He grabbed a gun from the coat of a policeman in the back room and before he was subdued had shot the two detectives.

Policeman Metz was another victim of a Negro's bullet in the same station, and after his death Commissioner Enright ordered his men to get holdsters with safety clips.

HEDLEY AND MEN CONFER ON WAGES

Frank Hedley, President of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, issued the following statement to-day:

"The agreement with employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company's subway and elevated lines expires at the end of this month. It is customary to discuss the matter of wages and working conditions before the expiration of these agreements. As a matter of fact, these discussions have started and a very satisfactory harmonious and co-operative feeling prevails."

Shot Fired in Pistol Fight Hits Costino as He Drives By—Robbers Flee With \$3,500 Payroll.

Holdup Victim Puts Up Fight When Seized and Forced to Drop Money Bag—His Companion Felled.

Four well dressed young men, apparently not out of their teens, held up on Willow Avenue, near 138th Street, two bank messengers of the Bronx National Bank shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, knocking one of them unconscious and, after a pistol duel with the other, got a bag containing \$3,500 and escaped in a dark blue automobile operated by the fifth member of the gang. Alfred Costino, a driver, was accidentally shot and died later in Lincoln Hospital.

The messengers were James McClary, thirty-nine, No. 521 East 150th Street, and Adam Bredy, sixty, No. 1172 Forest Avenue. They left the bank with the weekly payroll of the International Handkerchief Company, 137th Street and Willow Avenue. They took a 149th Street cross town car to Southern Boulevard, and from there rode to 138th and walked down to Willow Avenue.

The automobile was waiting for them on Willow Avenue, just below 138th Street, with its motor purring. McClary walked about 10 feet ahead of Bredy, carrying the bag, this being a stratagem arranged by the bank in the event of an attempt to grab the bag. But the thugs were evidently familiar with the arrangement. Bredy, who was ready to act in case of McClary being attacked, was himself first held up.

One of the gang stepped in front of him and pointed a revolver at him while another grabbed him from behind and told him that he would be killed if he opened his mouth. Bredy, who had a police whistle in his hand, attempted to raise it to his mouth at which the man in front fired, but missed. Bredy continued to struggle and was felled with a blow of the revolver on the left side of his nose.

The sound of the shot caused McClary to turn and as he did, he was seized from in front and behind, the

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ASKS EXAMINATION OF ALL IN STATE TO STOP DISEASE

Health Officer Would Make Test an Annual Affair.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, June 27.

Annual physical examination of every person in the State was urged here to-day by Dr. Herman M. Biggs, State Commissioner of Health, as a means to prevent disease. The Commissioner made the suggestion in opening the joint conference of sanitary officers and public health officers.

Dr. Biggs said that such a practice has been inaugurated in the State Department of Health, and that a number of employees were found to be defective and ill. He scored the "material considerations" which have sprung up "somewhat in medicine as in other professions and business operations," and urged that physicians return to the old standards of working for the public good instead of personal ends.

GIANTS LEAD IN FIRST GAME
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Time called—Rain.

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